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PAGEANT WILL BE PROGRAM FEATURE

PRESBYTERIAN'S CHRISTMAS EXERCISES SUNDAY NIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC ARRANGED

Yuletide Numbers Will Also Be Given At First M. E. Church At 7:30 O'Clock Sunday Night

"Bethlehem," a Christmas pageant by Lyman R. Bayard, a well known writer of pageants, is to be the main feature of the Christmas program at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

The scene is laid in the town of Bethlehem, and the purpose of the pageant is to make live again the first Christmas. A background, or drop scene representing the town of Bethlehem, is to be used, and will aid in giving vividness to the action of the pageant.

During the pageant a quartet consisting of Miss Helen Todd, Miss Anna Painter, Emory Airy and Luther A. Richman will furnish the music. Nine or ten special selections will be used, being Christmas carols and special Christmas numbers.

Among those taking part will be the Bethlehem girls, who are Marie Davis, Viola Hull, Betty Hellmers, Mary Jackson, Betty Brownfield, Mildred Jensen, Helen Davis and Mildred Hotchkin.

There will also be a group of Bethlehem boys, who will be William Person, Jimmy Jackson, Ford Bradley, Roger Sage, Fred Stevenson and Petie Dietz.

The parts of the shepherds are taken by Junior Hellmers, John Henry Heath, Harry Wilson and Herman Carstens.

Other characters will be the Innkeeper of Bethlehem, the Wisemen and their attendants.

The annunciation scene will be presented by Miriam Gray, as the angel, and Beverley Martin as Mary.

The offering is for the Board of Foreign Missions, as is customary at Christmas time.

White gifts of food have been assigned to each of the classes of the Sunday School. General admission will be one potato and as many more as possible. These White Gifts will be used for the Christmas baskets distributed by the Welfare Board.

The opening part of the program will be a group of songs and recitations by the Primary Department, under the leadership of Mrs. C. P. Fryer.

The Christmas program at the First M. E. Church will be given at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night.

The program is featured by songs and recitations, as well as special musical numbers, and is arranged as follows:

A group of presentations given by the children's departments.

Song by all—"Away in the Manger."

Invocation, Dr. James.

Group songs by Primary department and Mary Curnutt's class.

Group of recitations by primary children: Edna Belle Welborn, Joe Aley, Mary Jane Scott, Robert Phipps, Martha Jane Roberts, and Katherine Conley.

Piano solo—Helen Gaugh and Violin solo Vera Marie McClaren.

Group song "Jesus Loves Me" by Beginners department.

Group of song solos from beginner's department by Evangeline Scott, Marjorie Curnutt, Beatrice Leeson and Marguerite Curfman.

Song—Julia Aley.

Group of tableaus by Junior department, accompanied by appropriate music and song.

"An angel visits Mary," "The Manger at Bethlehem," "The Shepherd's watch," "The Shepherds visit Mary," "The visit of the wise men."

Closing song by all—"Silent Night."

Gifts will be received for the Welfare Board and for the rebuilding of Methodist property in Japan which was destroyed to the extent of $1,600,000.

Each of the three children's departments will have a party at which games will be played and Santa with his sack of candy boxes will be present. The Junior meet Friday evening, the Beginners and Primary departments meet at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Appointed Executor.

In the estate of Alpha C. Bishop who died December 15, her father, James Colvin, was appointed executor of the estate yesterday by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the probate court.

Troops to Patrol Oil Fields in Tampico

Sporadic Banditry Has Been Reported There—General Lopez to Be in Charge of Forces.

Tampico, Dec. 21—General Lopez, chief of military operations in the state of Tamaulipas, and provisional governor, today was instructed to assign the fifteenth regiment of calvary to the Tampico oil fields where there is a vast amount of foreign owned property.

There has been sporadic banditry outbreaks in the Tampico fields.

According to a Mexico City dispatch, about 28,000 federal troops, divided into two columns, are operating in Vera Cruz. One column is advancing upon Pueblo to take the city.

L. M. EEK ELECTED LEGION COMMANDER

OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR ARE CHOSEN LAST NIGHT

WILL NOT RAISE DUES

Members Believe More Can Be Added To Post If Local Assessment Remains Same As Now

L. M. Eek was elected commander of the James Edward Gray post of the American Legion at a meeting of the local organization held last night.

W. L. Gray was elected vice-commander of the post. Other officers elected were as follows: Adjutant, Murray Welling; finance officer, Emmett Bartram; chaplain, Edward W. Gray.

About twenty-five members of the post were present at the meeting last night. The members voted not to raise the present annual dues. It was thought that more members could be obtained if the dues are allowed to remain as they are at present. However, the state and national dues have been increased.

A committee was appointed to have charge of wrestling matches which will be staged under the auspices of the James Edward Gray post of the American Legion. Theodore Robinson was elected chairman of this committee. John Mutz will be in charge of the ring, and Henry Buhler will be in charge of the tickets. This committee will co-operate with Dr. D. J. Thomas, who will referee the matches which will be staged in the College gymnasium.

Supply of Turkeys Is Big at 35 Cents Per lb.

The king of the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner has fallen. Yes, the turkey no more holds a domineering price over the prospective buyers. The gallant bird has decreased in price considerably since the Thanksgiving dinner and now can be secured in quantities desired, a local poultry dealer said today, at 35 cents per pound dressed and from 25 to 30 cents per pound alive.

Ducks and geese are selling at 15 cents on foot and chickens are bringing 18 cents for roosters and the same price for hens on the retail market. The above are all local prices. Turkeys, however are scarce on the farms in Nodaway County, but can be shipped into the local market in large quantities. The demand is light at the present time for gobblers according to one dealer today.

In Kansas City the daily papers cite dressed turkeys from 30 to 35 cents and at St. Joseph from 30 to 38 cents. Also there are plenty on the markets. This is a reduction from the price a month ago and a big drop from a year ago, selling at 60 cents in Kansas City last year.

H. C. Johnson Asks Recovery of a Note

A suit for the collection of $150 on a promissory note was filed today in the Circuit Clerk's office by H. C. Johnson against W. H. Twaddle.

The petition sets forth two counts by the plaintiff: first, that the defendant gave his note on January 16 1922 for $225 with interest at 8 per cent, payable in sixty days. Ninety dollars was paid on the note. Judgment for $150 with interest at 8 per cent from December 20, 1923, is asked. The second count is for attorneys fees of $25 and costs.

Mrs. Sawyers To Pennsylvania

Mrs. J. K. Sawyers, Jr., will leave tonight for Waynesburg, Pa., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tennant.

TOMORROW TO BE THE SHORTEST DAY

SUN REACHED GREATEST DISTANCE SOUTH OF EQUATOR

USHERS IN WINTER

But In Southern Latitude, Summer Officially Begins Tomorrow—Longest Day In Southern Latitude

By Isabel M. Lewis
(U. S. Naval Observatory.)

When the sun reache sits greatest distance south of the equator at 3:54 o'clock in the afternoon, eastern standard time and its rays fall vertically upon the Tropic of Capricorn, in 23½ degrees south latitude, winter will be ushered in officially in the northern hemisphere and summer in the southern hemisphere. This is also the shortest day of the year in northern latitudes and the longest day of the year in southern latitudes.

The sun is now 23½ degrees below the horizon of the North Pole and the long winter night of six months at the pole is at its height. At the South Pole, on the contrary, the sun is now at its highest altitude, 23½ degrees above the horizon and it is the middle of the polar day, six months long, during which the sun does not set. It is the season for South Polar expeditions to be abroad and for North Polar expeditions to dig in.

To us who live in the northern hemisphere it seems strange that the earth should now be at the beginning of our winter, some 3 million miles nearer to the sun than it was last June at the beginning of summer. If we lived in the southern hemisphere it would probably not seem strange at all for then we would be nearest the sun in summer and fartherest from the sun in winter which we would say was quite as it should be.

Earth Moves Rapidly Now

As the earth happens to be moving around the sun in an ellipse instead of a circle, the distance of the earth from the sun varies with the time of year. About January 2 each year, it passes through perihelion or the point of nearest approach to the sun. Its distance from the sun is then about 91,340,000 miles. About July 5, it passes through aphelion, the most distant point in its orbit and is then about 94,450,000 miles from the sun, a difference of 3 million miles. One might imagine that this would have quite an effect upon the seasons in the two hemispheres but there are other factors even more effective than such a comparatively small change in distance.

Though the earth is nearest the sun at this time of year it is also moving most rapidly for, according to the laws of planetary motion, a planet moves most rapidly when it is nearest the sun, or in perihelion, and most slowly when it is farthest from the sun, or in aphelion. It can be shown, therefore, that the sun is north of the equator in our summer longer than it is south of the equator in our winter, the difference in time amounting to seven days, and that this is due to the variable rate at which it is traveling in its orbit.

Amount Of Heat the Same

As a result the southern hemisphere receives in its summer season more intense heat for a shorter period than the northern hemisphere receives in its summer season, and it can be shown that the total amount of heat received by the two hemispheres during their summer seasons is exactly the same, the longer summer of the northern hemisphere counterbalancing the greater intensity of heat of the southern summer.

The winters of the southern hemisphere, on the other hand, are longer than the northern winters and they occur when the sun is in aphelion so they should on the whole be colder than the winters of the northern hemisphere. But, as we have said, other factors come in here. The southern hemisphere contains for more water surface than the northern hemisphere and it is well known that the presence of large bodies of water tends to make the climate more uniform. For water absorbs heat more readily than land and gives up more slowly, thus tempering the extremes between winter and summer. There seem indeed, good reason to believe that the winters of the southern hemisphere are if anything, milder than our own.

Announce Birth of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis, Jr., announce the birth of a son today at St. Francis Hospital. Mrs. Lewis was formerly Miss Mary Margaret Richey.

Severe Earthquake South of Manila

But No Serious Damage Has Been Reported Thus Far—Occurred At—4:35 O'Clock This Morning

Manila, Dec. 21—A severe earthquake awakened mots Manilans at 4:35 o'clock this morning. The center of the earth disturbance was about 150 miles south of this city. The provinces south of Manila were badly shaken although no serious damage had been reported.

Rev. Richards to Preach at White Cloud Church

Quartette Will Sing Several Selections —Mr. and Mrs. Arch Carter to Sing Duet.

The Rev. R. W. Richards of Maryville will preach at the White Cloud Church, southwest of Maryville at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The White Cloud quartette will sing several selections, and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Carter of Kirksville will sing a duet.

Moving Picture Taken of Razing Tabernacle

Moving pictures were taken this morning of the razing of the Christian Church Tabernacle on East Third street, by F. R. Marcell. Another picture will be taken tomorrow of the auctioning off of the lumber, contained in the building.

These scenes will be placed in a film which portrays the entire Christian Church revival. The film will be shown to other churches over the district.

Senator Capper Says Agriculture Improving

Leader Of Farm Bloc Thinks 1924 Will Be About Better Farming Conditions

Washington, Dec. 21—American agriculture is slowly climbing out of the slump and all indications are that a substantial improvement in the industry during the coming year will be made, Senator Arthur Capper, Republican of Kansas, declared this afternoon.

Capper, leader of the farm bloc in Congress, is recognized as one of America's most able authorities in agriculture.

Houston Trades House to Dr. Day of Parnell

Edgar Houston traded his residence on North Walnut street to Doctor Day of Parnell for his farm, 160 acres which is north of Harmony Church. The deal was made yesterday through John Porter.

JAKE CONRAD DIES AT NOON TODAY

Jake Conrad, 70 years old, died about noon today at his home on West Twelfth street, following an illness of paralysis. No funeral arrangements have been made. He was born in Germany and came to this country about forty-three years ago. One sister, living in Princeton, Ore., survives. He was a first cousin of F. C. Conrad and Mrs. Dora Eckert of Maryville.

CONCEPTION JCT. SELLS $27 OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

Leslie G. Somerville, who has charge of the sale of Christmas Seals in this county announced this afternoon that the only report he had heard from over the county was from Conception Junction.

At this place the pupils in the school had sold $27.97 Seals, which is a per capita of 13.9 cents according to the enumeration.

Allenders to Boone Ia.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender will leave tomorrow morning to spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Dr. Rolland Allender and family, in Boone, Ia. Dr. and Mrs. Lafe Allender and son, William, of Atlantic, Ia., left Wednesday for LaFeria, Texas, to visit Mrs. Allender's father, Dr. William Wallis, Sr., during the holidays.

Miss Schenck Coming.

Miss Katherine Schenck of Kansas City will arive in Maryville Sunday night to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Anna Todd and family.

Announce Birth of Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Campbell of Barnard announce the birth of a twelve-pound daughter yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Berger and son, Billy, went to St. Joseph today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Berger's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Aley will go to Braymer, Mo., to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Toomay.

DAWES WILL HEAD REPARATIONS BODY

NAMED BY INTER-ALLIED COMMISSION THIS MORNING.

IS WAR-TIME FIGURE

Received National Prominence as Director of U. S. Budget and Purchaser of Supplies.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Charles G. Dawes, Chicago banker and director of the budget during the war, today was designated president of the committee that will determine Germany's capacity for reparations payment.

The nomination of Dawes was made by the inter-Allied reparation commission, under whose sponsorship the inquiry will be conducted.

The election of Dawes was regarded as a signal honor to the United States. It also puts America in a position of importance during the conference.

It was accepted as a foregone conclusion that Owen D. Young of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Co., would be designated as another American member. There are to be three members from each of the particiapating countries.

The reparations commission decided to refer Germany's request for a loan to the various allied governments. A recommendation was made that the governments invite the reparations commission guaranty committee to investigate Germany's food situation.

Sir John Bradbury, British member of the commission, has nominated the British members of the investigating committee, and it is expected they will be confirmed without delay.

Even if the committees are completed by Christmas, it is expected they will not be able to get down to work until about the middle of January.

The French, particularly, are eager to ascertain the amount of German wealth held in foreign countries. It is said that German properties in America alone were worth hundreds of millions dollars. France contends that Germany holds vast wealth in other foreign countries, especially in Great Britain, Scandinavia and Switzerland.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—General Charles D. Dawes declined to make any statement or indicate whether he will serve or not as chairman of the committee that will determine Germany's capacity for reparations payments until he receives official notification of his election to this position.

He said he had received no word of his appointment utnil informed by the International News.

During the war, Dawes achieved national prominence as purchaser of supplies for the A. E. F. forces in France and also as director of the United States budget.

Mrs. Margaret Schindler Dies at Home of Niece

Funeral Services Held This Afternoon at Graham—Had Moved Into New Home December 1.

Mrs. Margaret Schindler died at 8:15 o'clock last night at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. E. Freytag, of Graham. She had been ill of a complication of diseases since December 2. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Freytag home, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Francisco of the Methodist Church. Mr. Freytag will leave this evening with the body for Salida, Colo., where Mr. Schindler and several children are buried.

Mrs. Schindler was 67 years old and came to Graham three years ago from Phillipsburg, Kan. She had just completed the erection of a bungalow and took possession of her new home December 1. The following day she was taken ill and later was removed to her niece's home. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John D. Couch, Phillipsburg, Kan.; Mrs. Francis Sayre, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Hattie Foster, Alburnett, Ia.; David E. Couch, Colony, Kan.; and Mrs. Mary Paxton, Denver, Colo.

Guests at Sturm Home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn and children, Dorothy and Edward of Kansas City will come tomorrow night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Flynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Sturm. Another daughter, Mrs. Cleav Funk, and Mr. Funk and their sons, Billy and Addison of Omaha are expected to arrive Sunday night for a holiday visit.

Great Interest Shown at Graham Meetings

Three Additions at Service Last Night —Conducted by the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass—Close Sunday.

The revival services being conducted by the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass at Graham will close Sunday night. Three additions were made to the church there at the service last night. A number of persons have been added to the church at Graham as a result of these meetings.

A children's chorus of forty voices has been planned for tonight. Twenty young men and women were in the choir last night. A great deal of interest is being shown in the Graham meeting.

1923 LEADS 1922 IN NUMBER BIRTHS

BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 IS 17.4—DEATH RATE IS 10.3 IN THIS CO.

FIGURES FOR POLK TWP.

Records Of County Health Department Show Very Few Deaths From Reportable Diseases

In eleven months of the present year thirty-four more births have been recorded than during the entire preceding year, according to statistics that have been compiled in the office of the Nodaway County Health Department. Five hundred and twenty-four new residents have been added in Nodaway County up to the present time while there were 490 in 1922.

For the city of Maryville and Polk township the same is noted. For the eleven months of this year there have been twenty more births than in the preceding twelve months of 1922, there being 149 births to December 1 in 1923 and 129 in 1922. However, an increase in deaths is recorded over that of 1922. To the end of the eleventh month this year there were 113 deaths and 102 deaths in 1922.

Dr. C. P. Fryer, head of the Nodaway County Health Department, said this morning, that judging from the figures tabulated in his office it is unfair to say that the death rate for the last four months has been on the increase. He explains that the greatest percentage of deaths in the county are of persons of 65 years and over and that during the course of the year there is a certain peak to which the deaths reach, that period of the year being in the fall and winter months.

Deaths in Nodaway County due to contagious diseases are almost negligible, Doctor Fryer continued and the infant mortality rate is almost nil. Nodaway County in its death records is counted with demises that really cannot be checked up against the residents as there are numerous cases of non-residents and out-of-county persons who are attracted to Maryville by the St. Francis Hospital.

Miss Alice Donahue, secretary of the Health Department, has compiled the following statistics of the births and deaths in Nodaway County and of Maryville and Polk township from January 1, 1922 to November 30, 1923.

Nodaway County, 1922

	Births	Deaths
January	48	20
February	42	27
March	47	44
April	34	28
May	29	16
June	42	16
July	47	26
August	50	16
September	32	22
October	40	16
November	44	21
December	35	20
Total	490	272

Nodaway County 1923

	Births	Deaths
January	42	17
February	50	52
March	45	51
April	53	28
May	40	24
June	30	24
July	53	18
August	61	16
September	53	22
October	48	26
November	49	31
December		
Total	524	309

Polk Township 1922

	Births	Deaths
January	11	6
February	7	14
March	10	12

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SHIP LEVIATHAN IS AGROUND ON REEF

HEAVY FOG CAUSES GIANT LINER TO GET OFF COURSE.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

Passengers Crowd Decks of Steamer While Tugs Work to Pull the Big Boat to Safety.

New York, Dec. 21.—The giant liner, Leviathan, went aground off Robbins Reef this morning.

The liner was inbound to her pier. She sounded her siren for help as soon as she lost seaway and a score of tugs went to her assistance. Tugs in tow lines tried to draw her off the reef, while others nosed at her bow.

The ship is in no immediate danger. The passengers crowded the decks as workers tried to free her.

New York, Dec. 21.—The tide was due to reach its lowest about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Efforts are being made to clear the great liner before that time. If it is not removed before that time, it is considered probable that it must remain aground until high tide at 7 o'clock tonight.

A heavy fog is believed to have caused the ship to get off its course.

There were no reports indicating the extent of the danger to the Leviathan, but it is said that she is in no danger of going on the rocks.

When the fog cleared shortly after 1 o'clock, the liner could be seen plainly from the Staten Island shore. Nine tugs were working at her. At 12:30 o'clock, it was reported the vessel was sinking deeper in the mud and listing to the starboard.

The fog responsible for the Leviathan's going aground also prevented her from breaking the trans-Atlantic record.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, it was decided to take all passengers off the steamer on one of the municipal ferry boats. Sixteen hundred passengers are aboard the ship.

As the tide fell, the stern of the vessel dropped while the prow remained fastened in the mud.

Park Bank Officials Plan Reorganization

All Depositors Will Be Paid In Full According To Statement Made By Member Of Board

Kansas City, Dec. 21—Several plans for reorganizing and reopening the Park Bank of Parkville, Mo. which voluntarily closed its doors yesterday, were being considered today, Harry B. Hamilton, cashier, announced.

Ira James, state bank commissioner, is expected to complete investigation of the bank's affairs tonight. The board of directors is studying the various plans of reorganization.

"We expect to pay the depositors of the bank in full," one of the officials said today.

St. Louis Bank Closes Doors This Morning

Cashier Admits Irregularities of $34,000 But Officials Fear Discrepancy May Be More.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—It will be a gloomy Christmas for hundreds of families and business institutions in South St. Louis if any of the rumors of an enormous shortage in the Chippewa Bank of St. Louis are verified by state bank examiners who are now in charge of the institution.

The bank closed its doors this morning, following an announcement that J. S. Carr, cashier, a member of the board of directors, and for seventeen years an officer of the bank, had admitted there were irregularities amounting to $34,000. After making this statement, Carr resigned.

Officials of the bank, which has deposits of more than two million dollars, declared that other irregularities in addition to the $34,000 had been discovered and the exact discrepancy would not be known until a complete examination of the bank's affairs had been made.

Mrs. Caroline Leet came last night from St. Joseph to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

THE WEATHER

Mostly overcast tonight and Saturday, probably light rain; not much change in temperature, lowest tonight about 30.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

Bible Thought for Today

SONS OF GOD.—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Romans 8:14.

King George of Greece has been asked to take a vacation. There isn't much in the king business any way now days.

Henry Ford never had any chance of getting the democratice nomination for president and his chances are getting less every day.

The turkeys are doing their best to make the Christmas dinner a success. They are selling at a lower price this year than for several years past.

One of the best ways to have a good time this Christmas is to beware of "Christmas hootch." It is dangerous ordinarily and is liable to be deadly now.

If you haven't ordered the Democrat-Forum sent to your absent friend for a Christmas gift, you are missing a mighty good opportunity of giving him or her a whole years pleasure at a small cost.

While it is true that the democratic party never declared for prohibition, it is also true that it never declared for bootleggers, open defiance of law nor for a nullification of the constitution of our country.

Mr. Ford evidently did not take into consideration the feelings of Hiram Johnson when he announced that he favored Coolidge for president. Henry should be more considerate at this time of year when everybody is trying to spread good cheer.

"Yesterday," says Arthur Brisbane, "the greatest power machine on earth was started at Niagara Falls. A 700,000 horsepower water wheel turbine turns the rushing water into an obedient servant. The electric generator for this power unit weighs more than 600 tons. 3,500 cubic feet of water per second plus the drop are required to run the turbine. Two similar plants will start next year and in a century that will all seem as primitive as Fulton's first steamboat. The real power to be tapped is in the sun and in the turning earth below our feet. We are like microbes, living on a driving wheel and building windmills for power."

Forumettes

Have you ever noticed
That the fellow who says
The world owes him a living
Is too lazy to collect it.

There is never a shortage of either teachers or pupils in the schools for scandal.

The radio bedtime stories may be all right but they make the average adult fan tired.

A lot of people are spoiling the present and the future by brooding over the past.

The court house cynic, says a man can qualify as a leading citizen when people start blaming everything on you.

Uncle Abner, the town philosopher, says it too often happens that those who are so anxious to do something for a dead man never would do a thing for a living one.

A cynical bachelor says many a girl never realized there could be so much trouble in the world until she got a husband.

We venture to say that men used just as many cuss words back in the old days when the hay burner balked as they do now when the gasoline burner balks.

The other day we met a friend on the street who told us he was going to stop smoking because it was hurting his nerves and a little later another friend told he was stopping smoking because it hurt his nerves.

We bet the fellow who first said "Silence is golden" was henpecked.

Just admire a friend's diamond ring and nine times to one he will tell you the stone needs cleaning. Just try it once.

The fellow who invented the sugar bowls with a patent top which is supposed to yield a teaspoonful of sugar each time must have had an ironical sense of humor. We tried to use one in a Main street restaurant the other day and we had to shake it about fifteen times to make it disgorge the required amount to sweeten our coffee.

Voices From the Tomb.

Old Timer writes to ask how many readers remember when it was the practice to carry a chamoise bag for your watch and when a man in taking out his timepiece always rubbed it back and forth a few times to shine it, when every home had a marble topper parlor table on which usually rested the big family Bible with its records of the births, deaths and marriages of the family, when heavy Brussels carpet covered the pine floor, when the reformers threw fits because the girls wore peek-aboo waists and when the average housewife would have given a tramp a warm meal in the kitchen in payment for splitting a box full of stove wood? What do you remember?

For the same reason that "all the world loves a lover" it hates a hater.

Our neighbor was sick a week or so ago and the family doctor was called. As he was about to depart he said, "let me know if that preparation does any good. I have trouble with my stomach now and then myself.

The road to success generally has more detours than it has straight smooth stretches.

We will be willing to believe that women are smoking to the extent the reformers claim when we see a woman stop a stranger on the street and ask for a match.

Louise, the stenographer, says a lot of people have landed in jail by taking things as they come.

We heard a man described the other day as being so crooked he could sleep on a winding stairway.

We read the other day that Dr. Coue is coming back in January. Doc surely gets out of money quickly.

A doctor friend tells there is little danger of a man dying from overwork.

It takes 64 muscles in your face to frown and only 14 to smile, says a scientist. Apparently most people like to exercise all their facial muscles.

What do you suppose would happen if some people did a little thinking for themselves, once?

We [illegible] the other day that a scientist ha[illegible] figured it out that a bee makes about 3,000 visits to make a pound of honey. How like some insurance agents is the bee.

Vagrant Musings

The pay envelope of the wages of sin is always stuffed full.

The average woman finds little trouble making up almost anything else excepting her mind.

Money may talk but it only nods at a lot of us.

There is no harder joy than trying to find a soft snap.

Next to chewing tobacco there is no more objectionable habit than chewing the rag.

Today's Vaudeville Patter

Biff—You are good at grammar; is pants a singular or plural noun?

Bang—Both; singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

MYRTLE TREE SCHOOL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tobin were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Day and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Byerum who lives in the Bloomdale neighborhood, also Mr. and Mrs. Gilford McKee and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parent and family.

Con O'Connell and son, Jerry, shipped hogs to St. Joseph, Monday, Nov. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dowden and family entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Morris and family of Maryville, and Harry Swaine of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelley and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Neal and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr Kinman and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Casteel and Miss Anna O'Connell were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Taylor.

Frank O'Connell is husking corn for Will Banium.

Orr Kinman is hauling corn from Pat Farrens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Freece and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Charles and son, Billie.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hutcheson and son Harold were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Taylor and family, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Pride and family spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayclen and family.

Mr. W. H. Freece sold fifty head of hogs to Mr. Chestnut, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Jerry O'Connell is husking corn for Art Craven.

1923 LEADS 1922 IN NUMBER BIRTHS

(Continued from page one)

April	9	9
May	10	7
June	16	9
July	12	12
August	13	5
September	9	7
October	11	6
November	13	9
December	8	6
Total	129	102

Polk Township 1923

	Births	Deaths
January	18	4
February	10	20
March	10	17
April	8	13
May	11	14
June	11	6
July	12	9
August	21	6
September	21	8
October	9	6
November	18	10
Total	149	113

To get the birth and death rate per 1,000 for the past eleven months of Nodaway County Doctor Fryer said this could be figured approximately bytaking the population of the county as 30,000. The birth rate per thousand is 17.4 and the death rate 10.3.

The cases of reportable diseases that have been filed in the Health Department for the last two years is as follows:

For 1923—

	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet fever	72	2
Chicken pox	22	
Diphtheria	28	1
Mumps	9	
Measles	33	
Small pox	4	
Whooping cough	3	
Typhoid	4	2
Influenza	15	
Pneumonia	22	

For 1922—

	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet fever	67	3
Chicken pox	4	
Diphtheria	22	1
Measles	3	
Small pox	3	
Whooping cough	35	
Typhoid	3	
Influenza	173	9

Of all the deaths recorded in the last eleven months in Nodaway County the oldest person to pass away was Isabelle Ann Schaver of Barnard, who died in Maryville at the age of 100 years and four months. She died March 23.

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SOCIETY

Hosts to Bridge Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Welling will entertain the Friday Night Bridge Club tonight at their home on North Buchanan street. The Christmas colors will prevail in the house decorations and refreshments. Additional guests will be Miss Lucile Huey, Frank Reddick and Mitchell Welling.

Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club was entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. J. B. Brummett on East Sixth street. A short business meeting was held and following it a social time was enjoyed. A Christmas tree holding gifts for the members was the feature of the evening. The hostess served refreshments and was assisted by Mrs. Clarence O'Banion. These members were in attendance: Mrs. Furman Rogers, Mrs. Hugh Strong, Mrs. F. W. Steele, Mrs. Leo Strong, Mrs. Frank Wilmes, Mrs. Clarence O'Banion, Mrs. Robert Garten, Mrs. Roy Tibbetts, Mrs. Otto Frazee, Mrs. Ernest Kessler and the hostess. The club will meet again on the evening of January 3 at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Garten on West Third street.

Mowry W. W. W. Club.

A business meeting of the Mowry W. W. W. Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Emma Loch, with Mrs. Frank Howard as assisting hostess. In answer to roll call the members gave Christmas quotations. The annual Christmas exchange was held and following it the two hostesses served refreshments. Mrs. Nancy Neal was received into membership. Mrs. John Loch of Pickering was a guest of the club and the members present were Mrs. Will Berkey, Mrs. James Clayton, Mrs. Lester Hood, Mrs. Orlen Kelley, Mrs. Irvin Loch, Mrs. Shan McGuire, Mrs. Champ Rice, Mrs. Stewart Robinson, Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Albert Simmons, Mrs. Charles Hinton, Mrs. Nancy Neal and the hostesses. The next meeting will be held January 2 with Mrs. Dennis McGinness when the program will be in chage of Mrs. Orlen Kelley and Mrs. Walter Runnels.

Observe 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall entertained the members of the Knabb Country Club, their husbands and several additional friends last night at their home in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Christmas bells and other seasonable decorations were used throughout the rooms. The club members presented Mr. and Mrs. Hall with a casserole. A grab basket and a guessing contest were the features and in the latter game Mrs. Miles Nicholas won the prize. Refreshments of chicken sandwiches, pickles, salad, coffee and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Knabb, Mrs. O. J. Willhoyte, Mrs. Ernest Willhoyte and Miss Wilma Hall. The guests included besides club members, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hughes and son, Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nicholas and daughters, Laura Belle and Virginia. Others present were Mrs. J. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Scott and children, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Willhoyte, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knabb, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hill and daughter, Mary, Mrs. T. M. Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Nicholas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willhoyte, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Willhoyte, Mrs. O. L. Shell. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Job, Mr. and Mrs. William Job, Jr., and children, Misses Grace and Mildred Tebow, Leora Willhoyte, Roberta Willhoyte, Wilma Hall, Vivian Hall and Earl Trullinger, Amos Shell, Virgil Tolbert, and Forrest Stark. A buffet supper will be given for the club members Thursday evening, January 3, at the home of Mrs. J. C. White.

White Cloud Club.

The White Cloud Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Raymond Jones. The members spent the afternoon in making paper flowers. The following members were present: Mrs. W. D. Hoshor, Mrs. Ersel Carr, Mrs. Mary Bracken, Mrs. Ralph Hukill, Mrs. C. T. Frost, Mrs. C. H. Rice, Mrs. Charles Hilsenbeck, Mrs. J. B. Clements, Miss Irene Clark, Bernice Carr and the hostess. Arrangements for a watch night party for club members and their families on New Year's eve were completed. The affair will be held in the tenant house on the Raymond Jones farm. Each member is to bring sufficient sandwiches and pies for her family.

Bloomdale W. W. Club.

A meeting of the Bloomdale Willing Workers Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tom Latimer. It was decided to have a community Christmas tree at the school house on Christmas eve. The hostess was assisted in serving lunch by Mrs. Orville Gray. Roll call was responded to with Christmas quotations. Those present were Mrs. Bert Oliphant, Mrs. Chance Copeland, Mrs. Clair Conley, Mrs. Orville Gray, Mrs. Parl Runnels, Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Geo. Wray, Mrs. Charles Coleman, Lillian and Robert Runnels and Clarita Conley. The next meeting will be January 3 at the home of Mrs. Will Lett. The members voted to have the birthday bag again this year and members are requested to bring gifts at that time.

Merry Mingler Club

Officers were elected for the ensuing year at the regular meeting of the Merry Mingler Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Verlin Conley. Mrs. Fisher Mercer was elected president; Miss Mina Armstrong, vice president; and Miss Theresa Jeager, secretary and treasurer. The annual report of the club was given by Miss Edith Marsh. Miss Mina Armstrong presided over the Christmas box and the distribution of gifts which was one of the features of the afternoon. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. M. Conley, Miss Minnie Jaeger, Mrs. Henry Smock and Mrs. Fisher Mercer. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Walter Dickie, Miss Marie DeNeen, Mrs. J. Zimmerman and daughters, Emma, Helen and Mary. Others present were Miss Mina Armstrong, Mrs. J. M. Conley, Mrs. Charles DeNeen, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Mrs. Lee Haigwood and children, Mrs. Henry F. Jaeger, Mrs. A. Marsh and Theresa Jaeger, Mrs. A. Marsh and granddaughter, Evelyn, Miss Edith Marsh, Mrs. Emma Booth, Mrs. Fisher Mercer, Miss Katherine Mercer, Mrs. Rube Ross, Mrs. Henry Smock, Mrs. Russell Smock, Misses Bernadine and Margaret Jaeger, Mrs. Ollie Hemersky and children, Margery, Laura Katherine and Junior Conley, Byrl Weston Dickie, MrsWill Thornhill and daughter, Mrs. John Wallace and the hostess. The club will meet January 3 with Mrs. Charles DeNeen.

Junior-Senior Party

The juniors of the Maryville High School entertained the seniors and faculty members at a Christmas party last night at the high school building. The opening feature of the program was stories by the faculty. The members were requested to go to the platform where each one was given a candle tied to a string and a match. When the whistle blew the candles were lighted and the person whose candle burned the string in two first told the first story. This feature was followed with illustrations of the seven ages of women, six years supposedly having elapsed between each scene. The orchestra gave several selections and games were played at twenty tables. Refreshments were then served in the hall which was attractively decorated in the Christmas emblems.

Nash-Rathbun Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Lois Nash, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Nash of Holt, Mo., to Virgil Rathbun of Maryville will take place Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's father will read the service at 10 o'clock in the presence of the immediate families. Mr. Rathbun and his bride will leave for a short wedding trip and upon their return to Maryville the latter part of Christmas week, will be at home at 1201 North Main street. The bride-elect is a graduate of Central College at Fayette, Mo., and since September, 1922, has been instructor in French and women's athletics at the Maryville High School. She is a member of the local branch of the American Association of University Women. Mr. Rathbun is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Missouri and at present is serving as circuit clerk of Nodaway County. He is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rathbun of Maryville.

B. B. Club

An all-day meeting of the B. B. Club was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Ben Neal, with Mrs. Clyde Gillilland as assisting hostess. At noon a cafeteria dinner was served. The day was spent in fancy work and socially. In the guessing game prizes were won by Mrs. Don Kingery, Mrs. Tom Penisten, and Mrs. Fred Wyatt. The president, Mrs. Ed Russell, conducted a short business meeting. The Christmas exchange will be held Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Fred Wyatt. Miss Blanche Erickson of St. Joseph and Mrs. Trueblood were the visitors of the day and the members present were Mrs. Ed Russell, Mrs. Tom Penisten, Mrs. Clyde Gillilland, Mrs. Don Kingery, Mrs. Susan Shinabargar, Mrs. Fred Wyatt and son, Trevis, Mrs. John Erickson, Mrs. Marion Ripley, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Granville Gray, Mrs. Joe Skidmore, Mrs. Frank Gray and son, Curtis Dean, Mrs. Charles Moore and the hostess. Another all-day meeting of the club will be held January 3 at the home of Mrs. John Erickson when roll call will be answered by "most embarrassing experiences."

Christmas Greetings

Our wish to old and new friends,
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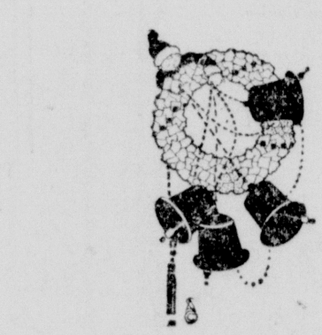

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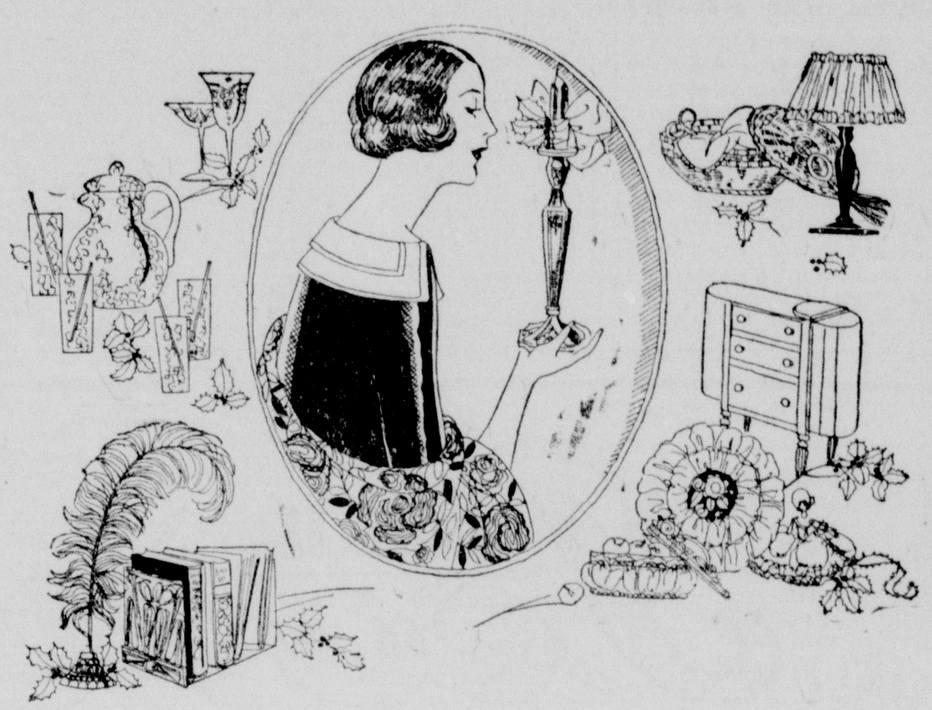

Christmas Gifts At $1.00

Your dollar will secure a gift here that will be appreciated. Note below the items taken at random from the various departments that are priced at ONE DOLLAR.

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Dolls
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Toy Dish Sets
Air Guns
Puzzle Sets
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Kiddie Kars
Sewing Sets
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Ear Bobs
Fancy Towels
Fancy Hair Pins

Ribbon Bracelets for Wrist Watches
Easy Write Pencils
Beads
Scarfs
Compacts
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Stocking Darners
Incense Burners
Candle Holders
Fancy Baskets
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Collars
Middie Ties
Towels
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Ribbon Bows
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Open Evenings Until Christmas. The Store Will Be Closed Christmas Day.

SPORTS

BARACKMAN WINS IN STRAIGHT FALLS

DEFEATS J. KRIEGER AT CLARINDA LAST NIGHT

ELIGIBLE FOR BROTHER

About Twenty Maryville Fans Attend Match—Welsh Acts As Referee

Mervin (Hudson) Barackman, local mat artist, showed more of his wares and knowledge of the grappling game than he has in many a match when he defeated John Krieger of Lincoln, Neb., at Clarinda, Ia., last night in straight falls.

The bout at Clarinda last night was to decide whether Barackman would meet Adam Krieger, now of St. Joseph who is junior middleweight champion of the world. Adam Krieger issued a statement recently that he would wrestle Barackman if the Maryville man could defeat his brother John. Since Barackman was able to dispose of his man last night, he and Adam Krieger would meet in a finish match in the near future under the auspices of the American Legion.

The bout at Clarinda last evening was fast, both men being about equal on aggressiveness and it looked at times as though Barackman had rolled into holds that would bring his downfall, but he always managed to break loose. Barackman scored the first fall in twenty-seven minutes with a combination of holds, a double wrist lock and an over body scissors.

The second fall came quicker than the previous one, Barackman securing a hook head scissors which forced the Nebraska man to give the match to Barackman.

In a preliminary a boxing exhibition was started underway. However, Taylor, one of the boxers suffered a broken arm which ended the bout.

Welsh, who has been staying in Maryville lately, refereed both the matches.

About twenty fan enthusiasts from Maryville went to Clarinda last night to see the Krieger-Barackman match. The largest crowd that ever witnessed a wrestling match in Clarinda was reported last night.

John Krieger is somewhat heavier than Barackman, tipping the scales about 160 pounds. The Maryville grappler now weighs about 158 pounds.

Barackman has a return match scheduled with Vernon Davis of Glen Elder, Kan., on the night of December 27, at the hall over George McMurray's garage. Early in the fall these two men wrestled. Davis got one fall and Barackman two falls.

Lincoln to Get Western League Franchise?

It was rumored in baseball circles at Omaha yesterday that Lincoln, Nebr., may get the Sioux City franchise in the Western League.

Just because a person is in the best society is no sign he has the best manners.

Senior Class Wins Annual Sale Contest

The senior class of the Maryville High School won the selling contest of the Maryvillian, the High School annual. The contest closed today. The number of books sold by the classes follows:

Seniors, 110; juniors, 51; sophomores, and freshmen tied for third with 44 sales to credit of both classes.

Missouri Valley Basketball.

The basketball quintet of Drake College, Des Moines, Ia., suffered defeat on its own court last night at the hands of a Big Ten team, Indiana, by a score of 53 to 30.

The University of Oklahoma five beat the quintet of Oklahoma A. and M. 34 to 22 last night. The game was played at Norman, Okla.

Spoofhounds Open Cage Season Tonight

Tonight opens the basketball season for the Maryville High School boys' basketball team. Harold G. Ebert, mentor, and eight men left today for Blanchard, Ia., where the contest will be staged with the Blanchard High School five. Complete returns of the game will be given in tomorrow's issue of the Democrat-Forum.

"Dear Santa Claus"

Burlington Jct., Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 6 years old. My little sister, La Vonne, wrote you a letter so I thought I would write you too so you would not forget me. I go to school so please send me a gun and wagon and sled and some candy and nuts. Thanking you for the gifts last Christmas, I remain your friend,

Gaylen Messbarger.

Burlington Jct., Mo., Dec. 12, 1923
Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I go to Dawson school. I would like for you to bring me a doll and buggy, candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend,
La Vonne Messbarger.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 18, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to write you a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a pair of skates, sled, a football, a knife and some candy and a pencil.

Your friend,
Cecil Rice.

Conception Junction, Mo., Dec. 19.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you a letter at school. I am a little girl 9 years old. My brother wrote you a letter. I read it in the paper. Please bring me a sweater, beads, a doll and candy and nuts. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Helen Brady.

Burlington Jct., Dec. 15, 1923.
Dear Santa:

I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a slip-over sweater, a tub and nuts and candy. Don't forget my cousins in Maryville and Iowa and the orphan children.

Helen Marie Sallee.

To Old Santa. Good-bye.

Ravenwood, Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school, and am in the first grade. I want a big doll that will say Mamma, that has curly hair and a little candy, and I'll try to be a good girl a whole year.

Your friend,
Sylvia Marie Coffelt.

Conception Jct., Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:

It is not long till Christmas and I thought I had better write to you now and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I want a big doll, a coat and some candy and nuts. I go to school every day. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Nina Merrigan. Please do not forget me.

Your little friend,
Fahla Sickman.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa:

We are two boys. One 7 years old and one 9. My brother wants a tricycle and a knife. I want a coaster-wagon and a knife. Also candy and nuts.

Your friends,
Ralph and Russell King.

Burlington Jct., Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years old. I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a rocking chair, telephone, broom, candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend,
Neva May Whited.

Pickering, Mo., Dec. 21, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl four years old, and have been a good girl, so please bring me a mamma doll, and a doll buggy and some candy, nuts and oranges.

Your little friend,
Clareta Conley.

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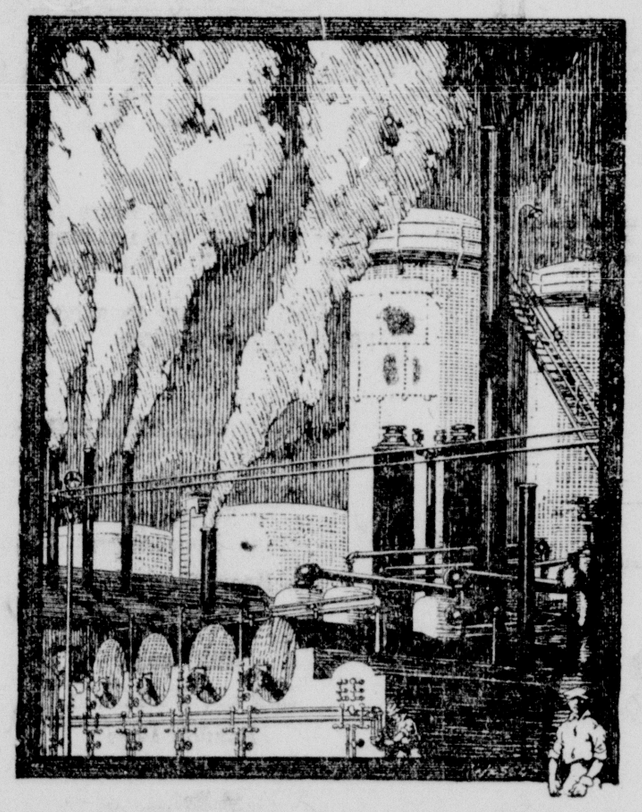

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Roses, white, pink and red, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00 per dozen. Red Carnations $3.00 per dozen. Deep pink Carnations $2.50 per dozen. White and light pink Carnations $2.00 per dozen. All colors Sweet Peas, wonderful big flowers on stems 12 to 18 inches long, $1.00 per dozen. White Narcissus $1.50 per dozen. Yellow Narcissus $2.00 per dozen. Poinsettias $2.00, $3.00 and $4.00 per dozen. Stevia, Statice, etc., to mix in or for baskets, etc., 25c to 75c per bunch. All prices are regular except carnations and sweet peas which are a fraction higher for Christmas. Plenty of flowers—we can take care of practically any order. Prices include greens, careful and appropriate packing, your cards and prompt delivery on all orders. A large line of decorative materials, baskets, wreaths for any occasion and potted blooming Cyclamen, Begonias, Narcissus, Cherries, Violets, Geraniums, etc., priced at equally as reasonable prices.

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FOR SALE—Ford Coupe 1920 model battery starter. Fisher Battery Station. 10tf

FOR SALE—Indoor chemical toilet, small wood heating stove, pipe oven; good baker, and fine for light housekeeping. Hanamo 3097. 19-21*

$2250 Grocery stock and fixtures, doing good cash business, must sell on account of other business. See Otis & Herndon. 10tf

FOR SALE—300 fence posts, hedge, walnut and oak. 2,000 ft. native lumber, $3.00 per 100 ft. 60 rod 26 in. American fencing, priced to sell. Phone 514 Barnard, W. W. Furlong. tf

FOR SALE—All kinds of good nursery stock adapted to our soil and climate, fresh from the nursery at planting time. 1924 Price List now ready. Murray Nurseries, Maryville, Mo.

FOR SALE—Hickory and oak ridge wood, phone me for your winter wood. Also oak posts. Geo. W. Neal, Rickering. 15-21

FOR SALE—22 Herford calves, can be seen ½ mile west of town, phone 198 Farmers, Maryville, Mo. 19-21

FOR SALE—South Missouri stock ranch, at price and terms that will surprise those who can use it or might consider exchange for Maryville city property; for three weeks only. Chas. Hyslop, D12tf.

FOR SALE—All kinds of wood. Call Hanamo 4309. B. F. Mozingo. D18-J17*

FOR SALE—Just received; large shipment of gold fish and supplies. We have some splendid bargains in sewing machines. They make a fine Christmas present. Strader & Clapper Sewing Machine Exchange 20-22

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington Cockerels, large, heavy bone, $1.50 each; also Boston bull pups. Mrs. L. B. Peter, Normal Drive. 20-22*

SPECIAL PRICES on Tire Chains till after New Years. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

TO CLOSE OUT — Trio Toulouse geese, for much less than cost; also full blood Shorthorn male, eight months old, dark red. B. C. Clayton, Pickering. 21*

FOR SALE—Spanish leather davenport, oak back, perfect condition, call 73. 20-22*

FOR SALE—Peerless Guaranteed Honey Comb Radiator for 1914 Fords $14.00; 1916 to 1923's $15.00, complete with shells. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

FOR SALE—10 tons choice clover hay; 6 bushels clover seed; 15 head stock hogs, weight 90 pounds. Cecil E. Lawson, Orrsburg Phone. 20-22*

Miss Lucille Airy will leave tonight for Vincennes, Ind., where she will be the holiday guest of Miss Lois Carter.

MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—CATTLE — Receipts, 3,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 60,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 8,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 14,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

Kansas City, Dec. 21. — CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 10,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

St. Joseph, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 775; top, $9.50.
HOGS—Receipts, 9,000; top, $6.60; 20c lower.
SHEEP—Receipts, 3,500; top, $12.25.

Todays Market

Leghorn springs per lb.	10c
Springs per lb.	13c
Ducks and Geese per lb.	12c
Turkeys per lb.	20c
Eggs per dozen	28c
Cream, per lb.	49c
Hens per lb.	14c
Light hens per lb.	11c
Cox per lb.	6c
Hides per lb.	4c

SHELL GROVE ITEMS.

The neighbors of this community and the surrounding communities, shucked one thousand bushels of corn for Raleigh White Monday. Mr. White is recovering from an appendicitis operation.

We are going to have a program and Christmas tree at the school house Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Curnett of Burlington Junction spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith and family and Mrs. Anna Day of Iowa were also Sunday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Birkenholz and family moved this week. Their new home is one and three-quarters miles south of Wilcox.

Miss Lucille Mae Carter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Carter of Burlington Junction, will come tonight from Des Moines, Ia., where she teaches to spend the holidays with her parents. Her sister, Miss Audrey Louise Carter, who teaches at Huron, S. Dak. will arrive in Burlington Junction tomorrow night for a holiday visit.

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN—Joint stock land bank. For Sale—Farm and city real estate. See Ed F. Wolfert. D 12-J12

FOR RENT—4 room modern house, furnished or unfurnished. Inquire 610 N. Saunders. 21

WANTED—100 horses weighing 1300 to 1800. Phone me. Will call and see them. Hanamo 31, Farmers 161. Jim Andy Ford. D19-tf

FOR TRADE—Well improved 80-acre farm for town property. Would take 50% of purchase price and carry balance. Inquire at Democrat-Forum. 19-21*

WANTED—Ten tons loose clover or alfalfa hay at farm. Dale Bellows, Hanamo 2-B. 20-22*

Lost—Black suit case on Maryville-Skidmore road. Return to Democrat-Forum. 21-24

LOST—Maytag wringer on road between Sheridan and Maryville, Thursday afternoon. Reward. Lowry Hardware Co. 21tf

Has your wife a good cook stove to get your Christmas Dinner? We have some good used cook stoves that are good bakers for $17.50 each. Case Furniture Exchange. 20-23

FOR SALE—Baby chicks. Are now taking orders. Place your order early. Most all varieties. 100 per cent delivery. $14 per 100 delivered. Half down with orders. Groves Hatchery, R. 4 Skidmore, Phone through Graham. 14tf

Flowers for Christmas

We have the largest assortment of cut flowers and potted plants we have ever offered, also large display of everlasting wreaths for the cemetery, at reasonable prices. We are members of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association. Can wire flowers to any part of U. S. in short notice. We are open evenings and Sundays. At

Kissinger Greenhouses
Hanamo 374, block south of hospital.

Arrives Today

Pickering

(By O. G. Null)

J. C. Leech of near Maysville, Mo., returned to his home the first of the week after spending a few days here assisting in disposing of the household effects of his father the late S. C. Leech and settling up his estate. He was accompanied home by his brother-in-law, Glenn Bloomfield who will visit a few days with him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McGinness went to St. Joseph on a business trip the first of the week and returned home Thursday evening.

W. A. Maxwell a former resident of this community but now living near St. Joseph was here on a business trip on Monday. Mr. Maxwell has recently disposed of his stock and tools and will take a position as cashier of a new bank being erected in north St. Joseph, about March 1. He was accompanied here by a Mr. Williams a neighbor of his who is engaged in selling life insurance.

O. G. Null drove to St. Joseph last Sunday and spent the day at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lester Ellis. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Null who had been at the Ellis home for nearly a week assisting in nursing her grandson, Dale Ellis who had been quite ill from pneumonia but is much better and now able to be up again.

Harry Alexander of near Maryville and Mrs. Esther Green of Pickering were married at Savannah last Sunday and returned to Pickering the first of the week. At present they are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Swaney parents of the bride.

Miss Ora McMillen of Topeka, Kan. arrived here Thursday evening to spend the Holidays with her father, C. G. McMillen and with other relatives.

Mr. McMillen also expects his son Adelbert of St. Louis to arrive here Sunday to stay over Christmas.

Miss Hazel Jones of Pickering and Mr. Frank Rickman of St. Joseph were united in marriage last Tuesday at the parsonage of the Wyatt Park Christian Church in St. Joseph the Rev. J. A. Dillinger officiating. They were accompanied by Mrs. S. W. Jones mother of the bride and Mrs. Ellen Rickman, mother of the groom. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jones of this place and is a favorite among the young people of this community. Mr. Rickman is a former Maryville boy but has been in St. Joseph for several months. They will be at home at 803 Seneca St., St. Joseph, after the first of the year.

A deal was consumated a short time since in which Frank Morin purchased the John McGuire place in the south part of town. He will get possession of his new home about March 1st. Mr. McGuire plans going to California but has not made definite plans as to when he will go.

Marvin Porterfield a former Pickering boy but now residing at Denver, Colorado arrived here the first of the week and is visiting with friends and relatives in the vicinity of Pickering.

Corn husking is practically over in this vicinity and considerable of it is being marketed. The greater part of that being sold is going to local feeders though the elevator is taking in corn every day. The price being paid at present is around 60 cents.

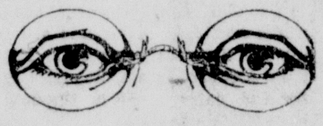
Vern Fakes and Howard Null marketed two loads of hogs of their own feeding in St. Joseph on Tuesday. They have over 100 head of full shoates yet on hand which they will feed out next spring.

Methodist Church.

Because of the revival meetings at Pickering there will be no preaching at Myrtle Tree Sunday evening.

Come to Sunday School Sunday morning and help raise last week's fine attendance record.

The revival meetings have precluded elaborate preparations for Christmas, but the Sunday School will have a tree with a short program at the church Monday evening.



Dr. Baker

Who is now located in Maryville, will diagnose all diseases of the eyes free of charge. If your eyes need treating he will direct you to a competent occulist for treatment. If you need glasses he certainly understands fitting the most difficult eyes and enable you to see.

Drink Water If Kidneys Bother

Take a Tablespoonful of Salts if Back Pains or Bladder is Irritated

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids; to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; can not injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

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Beats Electric or Gas.

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The inventor, H. A. Johnson, 609 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill., is offering to send a lamp on 10 days FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make $250 to $500 per month.

The Myrtle Tree Sunday School is giving their Christmas program at the church Friday evening, Dec. 21.

At a recent meeting of the Myrtle Tree Sunday School board the following officers were elected for 1924: Supt. Wm. Bainum; assistant, A. B. Dowden; Secretary-treasurer, Iola Dowden; librarian, Roberta Freece; pianist, Lila Dowden; supt. Childfen's department, Mrs. Bainum; home department, Mrs. A. B. Dowden; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Art Dowden; temperance, J. B. Taylor; missions, Mrs. Abe Byerrum.

The Sturgeon meetings have developed into the best revival Pickering has seen for several years. The interest continues unabated and scores have testified to blessings received.

At this writing there have been more than thirty definite decisions for the Christian life, several of them being heads of families. A great day is expected Sunday, which will close the series of meetings. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

BREAK CHEST COLDS WITH RED PEPPER

Ease your tight, aching chest. Stop the pain. Break up the congestion. Feel a bad cold loosen up in just a short time.

"Red Pepper Rub" is the cold remedy that brings quickest relief. It cannot hurt you and it certainly seems to end the tightness and drive the congestion and soreness right out.

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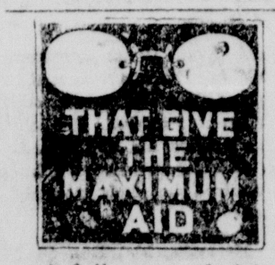
The moment you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes the congested spot is warmed through and through. When you are suffering from a cold, rheumatism, backache, stiff neck or sore muscles, just get a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, at any drug store. You will have the quickest relief known. Always say "Rowles."

FARM LOANS

I want all the good farm loans I can get on attractive terms. See or write me what you have and want. I can't hear over the phone.

CHAS. HYSLOP



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Christian Church.

The increase in attendance last Sunday night was very encouraging indeed. There was a drop in attendance at Sunday School but we feel that this is only temporary and look for a larger number present next Sunday morning.

The Christmas program will be given next Monday evening, December 24. A tree will be there on which to hang the presents and Santa Claus has promised to be there in person to distribute them. So bring the kiddies, both young and old and enjoy the evening together. A surprise is in store for the evening's program. Come and see what it is.

The annual business meeting of the church and Sunday School will be held on Sunday, December 30. Regular preaching service in the morning. The business session will be held in the afternoon. Every member of the church should make it a point to be there. It is YOUR DUTY to be there. You may be grumbling about how the church is being "run" and if you are not there that day you will have no right to go around grumbling and every one knows that we have enough grumblers in the church already. BE THERE and do YOUR PART in the church affairs. This is your congregation and you are a part of it so act your part and now be content for some one else to act it for you. You should not let some other person act your part in the church any more than you ought to let somebody else eat your meals. Come.

The meeting will begin on the evening of Sunday, December 30. Brother Montgomery will be here at that time to begin the preaching for us. He is not really going to preach for us but will preach Christ, true and simple. Make it a point to be there on the opening night and as many nights as you can be during the meeting. Everybody is invited and welcome to hear the gospel, in all its truth and simplicity, both in song and sermon. Tell everybody and then attend the meeting.

The sermon next Sunday morning will be along the line of the Christmas thoughts. We would like to have a special program for that time. How about it folks?

The sermon Sunday night will be, "Why Was Jesus Born?" You may have your reasons why He was born, but where do you get them? This is a special sermon in preparation for the meeting and every member of the church, and everybody else, ought to hear this sermon. Every seat should be filled both morning and evening.

Marriage License

Mrs. Mamie Clardy, recorder, issued a marriage license today to Virgil L. Rathbun, circuit clerk, and Miss Lois K. Nash, an instructor in the Maryville public schools.

Carters Come Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Carter and little daughter, Betty Lee, of Kirksville will come tomorrow night for a holiday visit with Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Everhart.

Don't Blame the Hen!

Whose fault is it if your hens don't lay eggs? Before you blame the hen, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I feeding a proper egg-making ration?
2. Is it manufactured by scientific authorities?
3. Am I sure the feed is always uniform?
4. Has it been proved by others in practical tests?

The way to answer "yes" to all four questions is to feed **Purina Chicken Chowder** and **Purina Hen Chow**—made and guaranteed by feeding authorities, proved by millions of poultry raisers. Sold in checkerboard bags by

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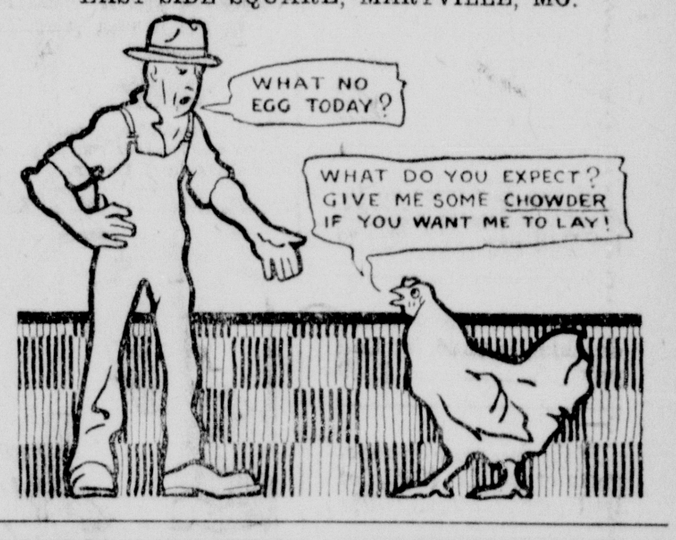

Wanted!

100 Horses weighing 1300 to 1800. Fat, thick, draft, chunks, greys and roans preferred, but will buy any color.

Read dates carefully and be on time.

I WILL BE IN—

PARNELL, 10 to 12 a. m.	Wednesday, Dec. 26
RAVENWOOD, 1 to 3 p. m.	Wednesday, Dec. 26
GUILFORD, 10 to 12 a. m.	Thursday, Dec. 27
BARNARD, 1 to 3 p. m.	Thursday, Dec. 27
BURLINGTON JCT., 10 to 12 a. m.	Friday, Dec. 28
SKIDMORE, 1 to 3 p. m.	Friday, Dec. 28
MARYVILLE,	Saturday, all day, Dec. 29

Jim Andy Ford

P. S. I will buy fat mules and Southerners on this billing.

BE EASY ON DEAR OLD DAD:---

It is usual for Dear Old Dad to carry the burden of the holiday shopping. He pays the bills, whether large or small, so that his family may enjoy a good Xmas. However, how good he may be, you owe it to yourself to be careful about your shopping. Sponsor the New Year knowing that you have been easy on Dad. This is how to do it:

If the fair price on ladies' all silk hosiery is $3.50, let Dad pay....$1.98

If the fair price on ladies' lisle hosiery is 50c, let Dad pay..... 29c

If the fair price on children's hosiery is 35c, let Dad pay 23c

If the fair price on ladies' cotton hosiery is 25c, let Dad pay.....14c

If the fair price on men's dress shirts is $1.50, let Dad pay 97c

If the fair price on ladies' Bungalow aprons is $1.50, let Dad pay.....98c

If the fair price on 36-inch wide all silk messaline is $2.50, let Dad pay $1.59

If the fair price on ladies' silk dresses is $37.50, let Dad pay $18.39

If the fair price on crepe de chine is $2.25, let Dad pay $1.69

If the fair price on georgette crepe is $2.00, let Dad pay 98c

If the fair price on French tissue gingham is 60c, let Dad pay.....43c

If the fair price on men's wool dress suits is $37.50, let Dad pay..$23.95

If the fair price on boys' wool suits is $10, let Dad pay $5.95

If the fair price on men and women's rubbers is $1.00 and $1.25, let Dad pay 48c

If the fair price on ladies' wash blouses is $3.00, let Dad pay $1.77

If the fair price on ladies' lisle summer unions is $1.25, let Dad pay..59c

If the fair price on boys' dress shirts is $1.00, let Dad pay.....43c

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Society

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the Cradle Roll and Beginners Departments of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the basement of the church. Every member is requested to be present.

L. A. W. Club

Members of the Myrtle Tree L. A. W. Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jess Dowden for their regular meeting. Those present were Mrs. Clinton Davis, Mrs. Art Dowden, Mrs. Wilson Ferguson, Mrs. Albert Dowden, Mrs. Tom O'Day, Mrs. Forrest Dowden, Mrs. Ernest Wray, Mrs. Tom Tobin, Mrs. Orville Harris, Mrs. Alva Pride, Mrs. Roy Parent, Mrs. Orr Kinman, Mrs. Clarence Dawden, Mrs. Will Freece and Miss Martha Freece. During the business meeting new officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Jess Dowden; vice president, Mrs. Orr Kinman; secretary, Miss Martha Freece; and reporter, Mrs. Clarence Dowden. The members decided to continue the birthday box and members are requested to have their presents ready at the second meeting in January. After the business meeting the annual Christmas exchange was held and refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Misses Martha Freece and Evelyn Dowden. Roll call will be answered by New Year resolutions at the next meeting January 3 with Mrs. Roy Kelley.

PRESIDENT KEMAL

New photograph of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who has been elected president of the republic of Turkey.

GOVERNMENT BUG LADY

Miss Eleanor Armstrong, shown above, is not a ladybug, but, because of her position as official insect delineator at the new national museum, she has been given the sobrique of Uncle Sam's "Bug Lady."

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DEBATE GOD'S HAND IN BIBLE

N. Y. MINISTERS, ONE MODERNIST OTHER CONSERVATIVE, MEET

BIBLE ITS OWN PROOF

Book's Survival and Effect Prove Its Divine Source—Error, Contradictions Deny It, Potter Says

New York, Dec. 21—The doctrinal controversy raging among church men of the Protestant faith brought last night the first of five debates between Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, one of the city's most outspoken conservatives, and the Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, a modernist.

The first debate, in Dr. Straton's church, concerned the age-old question of whether the Bible was the infallible word of God. Three judges—two Episcopalians and a Christian Scientist—were selected to pass upon the manner in which the arguments were presented, but not upon the merits of the arguments.

Assuming the existence of a living God, Dr. Straton said, which all followers of Christianity, modernists and fundamentalists alike must concede, it was only logical to presume He would reveal Himself to man. Any wise sovereign, he said, must give his subjects laws, hence it would be absurd to suppose God would not supply such a code.

With this established, the fundamentalist leader declared his only task was to prove the Bible was that code.

As evidence to support his argument, Dr. Straton pointed to the Bible's "miraculous preservation and increase." Down through the ages, he said, man has tried to eliminate it and thousands of persons have been killed because they presisted in reading it. And still it is the "world's best seller."

It required fifteen hundred years for forty authors from every walk of life to write the Bible, he said, and yet there is unity and "one spirit breathes through it all." This fact is made possible only because the Holy Spirit of the living God was the real author," Dr. Straton asserted.

Mr. Potter said he consented to take the negative side in the debate only because of the exact wording of the subject, "Resolved, that the Bible is the Infallible Work of God," which, he declared, could be interpreted only as meaning "every part of the Bible is the word of God and therefore infallible."

The question he said, was whether God actually was speaking in "every verse, phrase and word in the Bible."

Declaring his doubt of the Bible's infallibility began at an early age, before he had read the writings of the "higher critics," Mr. Potter based his arguments largely on passages he declared were inaccurate, historically or scientifically, obvious contradictions or represented God as doing or approving something "seems to be morally wrong."

In support of his first premise, Mr. Potter cited a passage wherein grasshoppers, crickets and locust were spoken of as "going on all fours," when these insects have six feet.

Three errors of history occurred, he said, in the second chapter of Luke.

Citing passages that, he said, were contradictory, he quoted from II Samuel VI, 23, "Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child unto the day of her death." while XII Samuel XXI, 8 says "the five sons of Michal, the daughter of Saul."

"Any one of these inaccuracies," continued the modernist representative, who quoted many other Biblical verses in support of his theories, "would, taken alone, prove my thesis that the Bible is not the infallible word of God."

Ruth Bookman Came Yesterday

Miss Ruth Bookman, a senior at Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., came yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bookman, during the holiday season.

Minnie Evans Comes Tomorrow.

Miss Minnie Evans, a student at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia., will come tomorrow morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will motor to Ravenwood tomorrow morning to meet her.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 20, 1923.
Dear Santa:

We are two little girls. One 10 and one 5. My sister, Doris, wants a wash board, a mamma doll, a set of dishes, an iron and candy, nuts and oranges. I want a sewing box and a pocketbook. I also want some candy, nuts and oranges.

Your friends,
Ruth and Doris King.

Community Meeting Is Held at Douglass School

Fine Christmas Program Is Given by Maryville Chamber of Commerce and School Patrons.

The Douglass school house was crowded last night for the community meeting which was conducted by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and the patrons of this school district. Due to the threatening weather, the Maryville delegation did not remain for the school program much to their regret. Miss Esther Neal is the teacher at the Douglass School.

L. H. Brownfield, secretary of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, made a short talk in which he told of the work of this organization and what it should mean to Nodaway County. He complimented the Nodaway County schools on the fine, progressive spirit shown.

Captain Rolf Raynor of Battery C, made a talk on, "My Ten Christmases in Ten Foreign Countries in the Service of Uncle Sam." This talk was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The remaining numbers on the program were as follows:

Recitation, "The Longest Day"—Lora Carmichael.

Recitation, "Searing Santa"—Dilla Owens.

Music.

Dialogue, "Beat It."

Recitation, "The Dishes" — Irene Gallagher.

Recitation, "Christmas Greeting"—Irene Partridge.

Hoop Drill.

Recitation, "The Reason."

Recitation, "The Coming of Santa" —John Palmer.

Dialogue, "Darning a Christmas Stocking."

Recitation, "A Christmas Eve Thought"—Beulah Owens.

Recitation, "Good Night"—Elizabeth Owens.

Recitation, "Something I'd Like to Be"—Beverley.

Folk game, "How Do You Do My Partner."

Recitation, "If Old Santa Lived in a Shoe."

Recitation, "The Looking Glass"—Marjory Partridge.

Recitation, "Christmas Dreams"—Horace Carmichael.

Music.

Dialogue, "Mrs. McClarty Buys a Hat."

Sullivan and Phelps Counties Next in Drive

Producers' Contract Campaign to Start at Milan December 29 and at Rolla January 27

Columbia Mo., Dec 21.—The Producers' Contract co-operative marketing campaign of The Missouri Farmers' Association will begin soon in two more counties.

With the campaign well under way in Franklin and Gasconade counties where hundreds of farmers are signing the Contract agreeing to sell all their products, grain, livestock, poultry and dairy products through co-operative channels, it will be inaugurated in Sullivan county next and then in Phelps county.

Headquarters of the Missouri Farmers' Association here, which represents the 3,000 Farm Clubs of the state and under whose auspices the Contract is being introduced as an economic movement to obtain a "square deal" for the farmer, announced that the campaign will begin in Sullivan county on December 29th, and in Phelps county on January 7th.

The Sullivan county campaign will start at Milan at a "sign 'em up" meeting staged by the Farm Clubs of Sullivan county and the Sullivan County Farmers' Association. The Phelps County drive will begin with a similar meeting at Rolla under the auspices of the Farm Clubs of Phelps County and the Phelps County Farmers' Association.

Reports from Franklin and Gasconade counties, the Association announced, are that farmers are signing the Contract in increasing numbers. Indicative of the ready acceptance of the co-operative Contract is that in many communities every farmer has signed up. Bacon Ridge district in Franklin county is one of those which has signed up 100 per cent, according to reports from T. H. DeWitt, fieldman for the Missouri Farmers' Association.

In Gasconade county ninety-three farmers signed the Contract at a single meeting. The drive was given an impetus last week by three addresses by D. L. James, specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture who came to Missouri for the express purpose of aiding in the campaign. He spoke at Marshall, Hermann and Morrison.

Forrest Martin Here.

Forrest Martin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vilas Martin, came this morning from Wallingford, Conn., where he is attending Choate Preparatory School for boys, to spend the Christmas vacation.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads

CONCEPTION JUNCTION

William Leininger visited at the home of his brother, Joe Leininger the first of the week. They had not seen each other for twenty-seven years, so we can easily imagine the joy in the meeting.

Joseph Stoll of Conception was taken to a hospital in St. Joseph Sunday afternoon. He is suffering from effects of the Flu.

Mrs. B. Goliday has been on the sick list the last few days, but is improving.

Mrs. H. D. Giles spent Wednesday in St. Joseph.

Mrs. J. H. Jameson was a business visitor to St. Joseph Wednesday.

The young ladies Sunday school class of the First M. E. Church are very sorry to lose their faithful teacher Mrs. Tom Pennycuick, who is moving to Golven, Texas.

She with her two sons, James and Ray leave Monday intending to make the journey in their car.

The pupils and teachers of the school regret losing James and Roy from their midst, but our loss is the other fellow's gain, and we wish them much joy in their new home.

Mr. Pennycuick has accepted a position as Master Mechanic in Golven.

E. S. Shapley has nearly completed the work on his house. It is beginning to look like a real home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Carter and children Ivan Dean and Adah of Guilford visited with Mrs. Carter's mother, Mrs. M. E. Silvers Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Whorton of Guilford visited her sister, Mrs. M. E. Silvers, Tuesday.

The entire student body of the public school were delightfully entertained for about an hour Thursday morning by two college boys who are also entertainers. Mr. Prushia played the piano, sang and read. Mr. Donald Bean sang and gave pianologues. They were from Des Moines, Iowa and were on their way home to Winterset, Iowa. We enjoyed their program very much and think it a splendid Christmas present as they informed us that it was a Christmas gift.

Mrs. L. E. Beam has returned to her home in Conception after an extended visit in Toledo and other points east of Toledo. She reports a good time.

Mrs. T. B. Stinson and son Willie of Stanberry visited with the former's mother, Mrs. M. E. Silvers between trains Tuesday evening.

The teachers and pupils of the public school are looking forward to a pelasant Christmas vacation, which lasts from Dec. 21 to Dec. 31.

The box supper given by the public school Friday, Dec. 14, was fairly well attended. A little more than forty dollars were cleared. This goes as a payment for our World Book. The Negro Minstrel program was much enjoyed by the audience. Miss Garland Groom received the box of candy for the most popular young lady. Bill Corcoran received the bottle of ketchup for being the slowest man.

Mr. Jesse Jones will leave Friday noon for his home in Boonville, Missouri to spend his Christmas vacation. He is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Silvers this winter.

Big plans are being made for the basket ball tournament, which is to be held at Old Town Friday December 28.

The Conception Public School pupils sold twenty dollars and ninety-seven cents worth of Christmas seals. The Intermediate room sold the most, the amount of its sales being nearly ten dollars. The pupils receiving badges for selling one hundred seals each were: Waunda Roof, Grammar grades; Harry and La Setta Miller, Donald Proctor and Edward Trimble, Intermediate room and Margaret Young and Vivian Richards, of the Primary grades.

Miss Blanche Silvers accompanied by her mother will go to Omaha Friday evening where they will spend the Christmas holidays with the former's brother.

The Grammar and High School students have been invited into the Primary room Friday Dec. 21, where the Primary and Intermediate pupils are class will furnish the program.

There is to be a handkerchief sale at Toel's store Saturday Dec. 22. The proceeds will go towards buying chairs for the primary class of the M. E. Sunday School.

Maude Leininger's Sunday School class will entertain Mrs. Pennycuick's class at Maude's home Friday evening Dec. 21. The mother of each pupil is also invited. The former clas swill furnish the program.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McGarry accompanied by Mr. C. E. Martin and daughter, Dorothy, motored to Maryville Tuesday to do some Christmas shopping.

Miss Catherine Growney spent the week end at the home of Miss Emma McGarry of near Bedison.

Mrs. Lowell Davis was Christmas shopping in St. Joseph Thursday.

The Seniors have received their new Commercial Geographies. They will begin work on this subject at the beginning of the third quarter.

Chilton Robinson Here

Chilton Robinson, a student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, came this afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson. En route home he spent a day in Des Moines, Ia., where he formerly attended Drake University.

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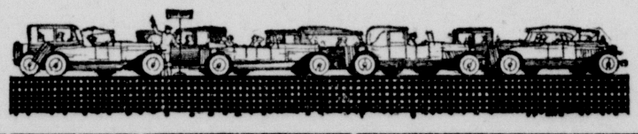

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